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The Editor

"The students who fail to take advantage of the opportunities here at Ohio State are 'silly,'" such was the opinion expressed by Coach Paul Brown in his talk to the University Hour at University Hall Thursday, October 9th. This miracle man of football appreciates the possibilities of our university in respects other than those offered in the field of varsity athletics. In his discussion of that Thursday afternoon following the victorious 33-0 Western invasion, he revealed his interest in the entire student body of Ohio State, as he urged each and every one of us to live and enjoy a college life while the opportunity is ours.

Here at Ohio State we have much for which to be proud. We have the best collegiate marching band in the nation. Many of our instructors are nationally prominent in their respective fields. Our concert band, symphonic band, glee club, and chorus are noted for their tours of the various parts of the country and their radio broadcasts. The varsity debate team of last year won the "Big Ten" championship. Strollers, our all-University dramatic society, has produced several noted stage and screen figures. Our agriculture judging teams have won many honors in national intercollegiate competitions. Our graduates appear at key positions in virtually every field of endeavor you may care to investigate.

We are all familiar by now with the accomplishments of Ohio State on the gridiron, the diamond, the basketball floor, tennis courts, polo, track, and swimming.

The University depends upon us, the students, to maintain and increase this honor and prestige. Furthermore it is our obligation to fulfill the dreams of the men whose vision and foresight were and are responsible for these opportunities presented by Ohio State. We must prepare ourselves to take an active part in shaping the affairs of our community, our state, our nation, and yes, our civilization, too.

One of the first essentials we must attempt to master is that of teamwork or cooperation. The value of this element is very ably demonstrated by a comparison of the football team of last year and that of this year.

With an exhibition of the improvements possible for our football squad before us, why don't we, the students of the entire campus, try it.

Pick out your goal and set yourself to the task and you'll get there, but on the way don't forget there are between 12,000 and 13,000 other students on this campus and from and with them you have much to gain.

As engineering students each of us has a responsibility to our College of Engineering, and this includes us, the students, as well as the faculty and administration. First, naturally, we must develop our engineering knowledge and training, but in doing so we must guard against narrowing our interests to a single track.

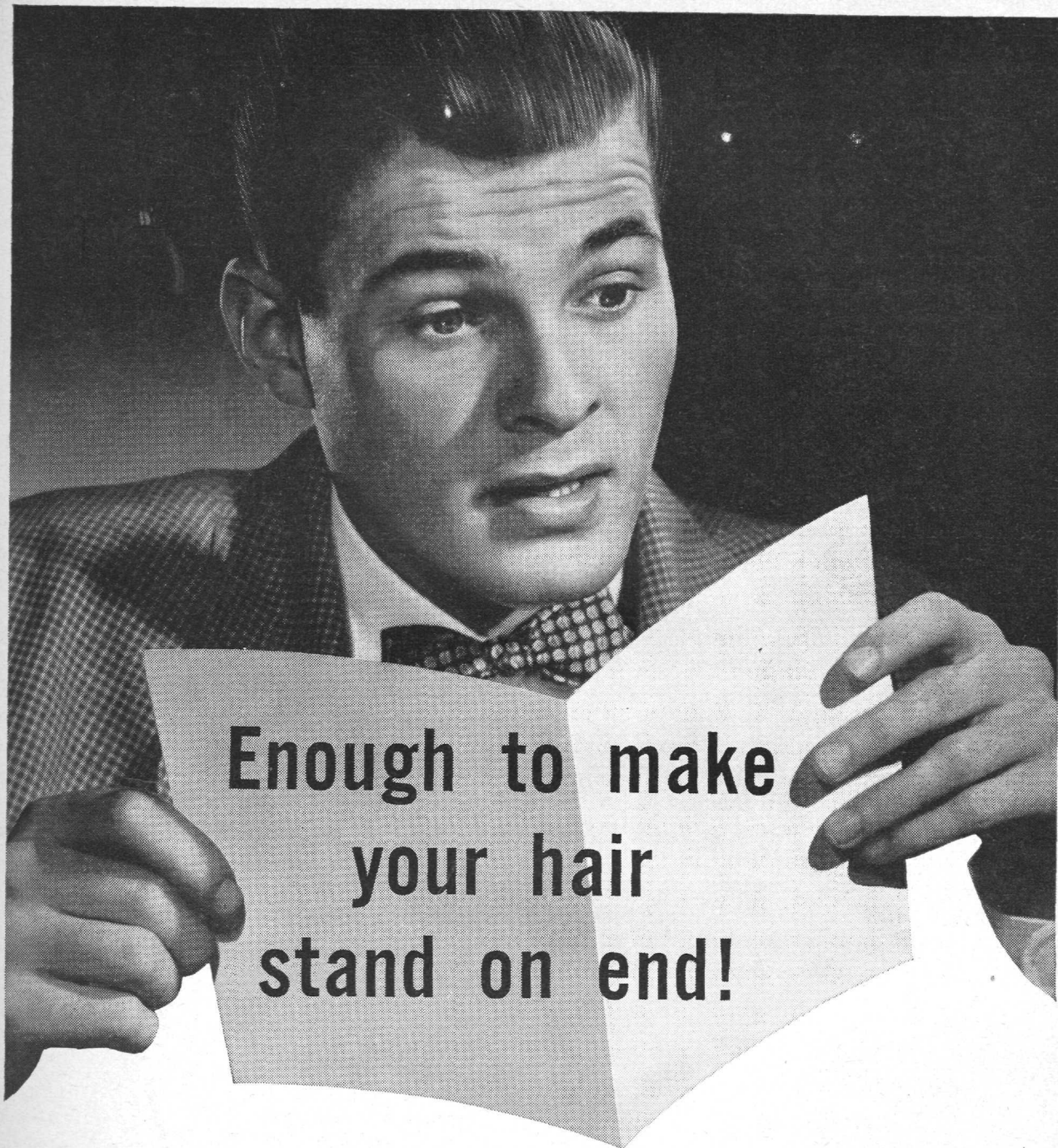
There are many professional societies, honoraries, and other clubs on the campus open to each of us, but this year we, under the assistance of our elected representatives, the Engineers' Council, have three big main events of importance to all engineering students.

Plans are being made for the Annual Engineers' Prom to be held in the Men's Gymnasium during the Winter Quarter. Let's get behind it this year and make it the biggest success yet. It is here that in the traditional "Tapping Ceremony" new members are informed of their election to *Texnikoi*, the activities honorary of the College of Engineering.

The second event just under way is the Engineers' Day Program. This is held during alternate years in the Spring Quarter and consists of departmental exhibits, a very impressive parade of engineering floats, and as a climax, the annual Quadrangle Jesters play.

The important "business at hand" is the annual election of class officers and of the Homecoming Queen. Last year the Engineers' Council, dissatisfied with "campus politics", associated itself with the All-Campus Combine, a party organized to support as candidates those persons who merit it on the basis of their qualifications. It is based on a flat, clear-cut policy of "clean politics" and its membership is open to any organization interested in furthering these ideals.

This year the Engineering College through its Council is again participating in the election as a member of the A.C.C. As a student of Ohio State and of the College of Engineering it is important that we, all of us, investigate those candidates on the A.C.C. ticket, and sponsored by the Engineers' Council, and cast our ballot on the day of election.



Enough to make your hair stand on end!

On many of the defense projects encountered by the Bell System, the work sheets—showing telephone facilities needed and time allowed—would make a good, conservative engineer's hair stand on end.

For example, take the Navy's huge new air base near Corpus Christi, Texas, which covers 14,500 acres, includes 29 separate flying fields and 481 buildings. Closely connected with the base are Defense Housing projects to accommodate 1700 families.

Imagine the complex problems involved in planning telephone facilities for this new "city" where formerly there were sand dunes—in obtaining and installing miles and miles of wire and cable, switchboards, telephones by the thousand.

But telephone engineers and construction men took hold—proceeded to shatter records—completed their huge task in seemingly impossible time. For men with the "will to do," there's a real thrill in such Bell System work!

